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## Zijn Koninkrijk Kome

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## **‘Zijn Koninkrijk Kome’**

Hulst Commemoration Ceramic  
Plates and Case

Porcelain Plates - 14" diameter, wheel- thrown and slab construction. Case - 7' 4" by 5'6", engineered by Greg Hooyer and made with bleached Burl wood, formica laminate on composition board, and 2" lathe- turned mahogany spindles. The work is on permanent display in the B.J. Haan auditorium lobby, and Dr. Hulst also received a plate identical to one in the series and a color pastel drawing of the plate assemblage. A statement of purpose is also included with the work and a description on an engraved plaque reads:

‘Zijn Koninkrijk Kome’ (May His Kingdom Come), was commissioned by the board of trustees in honor of Dr. J.B. Hulst, president of Dordt College from 1982 to 1996. Created by Professor Jacob Van Wyk upon Dr. Hulst’s retirement, this ceramic work is an assemblage of porcelain plates that uses the metaphor of landscape to symbolize how Dr. Hulst’s contributions have helped build up the body of Christ. The two pillars symbolize the covenant and the kingdom of God, keystones in the life and work of Dr. Hulst. The five squares show his commitment to Christian education, the church, the Christian Reformed denomination, public justice, and international and cross-cultural affairs. The tree root is both an allusion to the biblical image of the vine and the branches and symbolizes the nurturing that Dr. Hulst has done within the college and also within the community.

